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Age	Sts.	1st	2nd	3rd	Won
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3	8	3	4	0	5,100
4	23	8	3	3	30,465
5	12	4	4	0	16,700
6	1	0	0	0	150
	45	15	11	3	$52,485

Raced Against the Best

BEST SELLER first demonstrated his real merit as a top race horse at three when he defeated Daily Trouble and others in an overnight race at Laurel and then finished second to Market Wise in Pimlico's Governor Bowie Handicap in the new track record time of 2:43⅕ for a mile and five-eighths. BEST SELLER was three times first and four times second in his eight starts at three. At four, he won the Governor's Handicap under top weight of 126 pounds, won the Equipoise Mile at Arlington Park in 1:36, won the Skokie Handicap at Arlington Park under 120 pounds, mile in 1:37⅘, and won the Motor City Handicap at Detroit. He was second to Marriage, beaten only a nose, in the Col. Alger Memorial Handicap in time that was but two-fifths off the track record, and in the Widener Handicap the same year he was beaten only a head by The Rhymer after fighting off consecutive challenges from such horses as Dit, Attention and Mioland. Behind him also were Our Boots, Alsab, Challedon, Market Wise, Pictor, in fact nearly all the top handicap horses of that time. Best Seller led from the start and as the chart notes said, held on with courage. In the Dixie Handicap, Best Seller rushed up to challenge Attention in the stretch and tired in the last stages as Whirlaway, Attention, Mioland and Challedon beat him narrowly. Also at four, Best Seller was fourth to Attention in the Metropolitan after setting the pace and beating such horses as Rosetown, Boysy, Third Degree and Can't Wait. He also was second in the Clang Handicap and third in the Hawthorne Handicap. At five, Best Seller won the Churchill Downs Handicap, again won the Equipoise Mile, beating the best horses in the country, including Thumbs Up, *Rounders, Whirlaway, Marriage and others. At five he also won the Governor's Handicap for the second time, and he was second to the superlative mudder, Shot Put, in the Kentucky Handicap on a muddy track. He was also second under top weight in the Lincoln Handicap.

His Sire

BLUE LARKSPUR, as the records show, was one of America's top race horses of all time, and as a stallion has won an enduring place in breeding annals. His get have won approximately $1,250,000. A number of the top horses of the past decade have been his sons or daughters or grandsons and granddaughters. His daughters are among the most valuable and sought-after producers in the world and he has earned a high place on the breed's list of brood-mare sires.

His Dam

BAZAAR, foaled in this country though of pure English breeding, proved herself a top filly in every respect, one capable of beating the best colts as well as the best of her own sex. She won the Hopeful by four lengths giving weight to and beating High Quest, Discovery, the Futurity winner Singing Wood and others, Test Stakes, and the Albany, Spalding Lowe Jenkins (beating Cavalcade and others) and Mount Washington Handicaps, for total earnings of $53,245. She comes of a family that has produced many successful sires.

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Ascending and Descending Handicaps

TWO seconds after *Paperboy, the lowest weighted horse in the field, had won the $50,000 added Saratoga Handicap at Belmont Park, with Devil Diver, topweight with 135 pounds, among the unplaced, a prominent owner turned to us and said, "Now, that just goes to show. . . . There ought to be *some* handicaps, at least, where a horse of Devil Diver's class could run without carrying the grandstand." This owner had a horse of Devil Diver's class a few seasons back, and he had done a lot of thinking and talking about handicaps without getting anything much for his pains besides a sense of frustration. After all, he knew that handicaps would not be effective unless the bottomweight was given a chance to beat the topweight. But he hadn't yet been able to rid himself of that feeling of there-ought-to-be-a-law.

That man, and the many others who have puzzled over this problem, may be interested in the technique of using the handicap race as it prevails on the race courses of Italy.

In Italy most handicaps fall into one of two main divisions, ascending or descending. In the ascending handicap the bottom weight is fixed; it cannot be less than 45 kilograms (99 pounds). In the descending handicap the maximum weight is fixed; it cannot be more than 65 kilograms (140 pounds), and the other weights can go as low as 88 pounds. There are some qualifying rules which affect the maximum and minimum, but this gives the general idea.

The *corse a criterio ascendente* (ascending handicap) allows the racing secretary to put the grandstand or whatever he pleases on the outstanding horse which is entered for the race. Apparently he has no compunctions about doing so, if it happens to become necessary. Under this arrangement a handicap may be run for cheap horses with full protection against any champion or near-champion which might have a notion to get in. The weights are graded upward from the cheaper horses. The result is that the ascending handicap provides racing opportunities for moderate performers, with moderate purses, usually about the same as are given in the claiming races at the meeting.

In the *corse a criterio discendente* the purses ordinarily are somewhat larger than the average, though not so large as the classic and best weight-for-age races. They are designed to provide opportunities for the higher-class performers, and the weights are held to what is considered a reasonable figure, 140 pounds being a rarity.

The function of the handicap, as of any other type of race, is simply to provide racing. It must attract enough horses to make an acceptable field. We are not privileged to circumscribe the conditions in such a way as to impair this function. But it does not appear that we have finished the exploration of this subject. Perhaps we should do some experimenting with the ascending handicap for the benefit of fair-to-middling horses. Perhaps we should try a few limited handicaps for the benefit of the top class of horses, with the conditions specifying a weight range, say, from 110 to 130 pounds.

This is not to suggest that the handicaps we now have for the best older horses are at fault. Sometimes it "seems a shame" that the worse horse wins a $50,000 race and the best horse goes unplaced, but it is equally obvious that if the lower-class animal never won the big handicaps there simply would be no big handicaps.

In actual practice the high-class horses have a way of doing very well in the richer handicaps. In 16 handicaps in North America this year with $25,000 or more added and open to 3-year-olds and up, the topweight has won on six occasions and has been the betting favorite ten times. On two occasions the bottomweight has been the winner (in the Saratoga and Trenton Handicaps). Only once has the highest weight carried been more than 130 pounds, and in ten out of the 16 races it was less than 125 pounds.

Nevertheless, since the handicap is our chief reliance for older horses, we should not ignore the possibility of making it still more useful.

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Neck or Nothing, Blood and Guts

By Charles R. Koch

"PLUCK, determination, a quick eye to see and a will to take a fleeting chance, a firm seat, confidence, and above all an increased interest and knowledge of the horse; all these are instilled by racing," says a certain Lieut. G. S. Patton, Jr., Instructor in Swordmanship, Mounted Service School, in the 1914 edition of *The Rasp*, annual publication of the school.

Two articles by the now famous General "Blood and Guts" Patton appear in this volume, of which the young lieutenant was an associate editor, one a review of "Army Racing and Records for 1913" and the other on "Mounted Swordsmanship." In the former article Patton sets forth a strong defense of racing as an indispensable means of instilling soldierly virtues in young officers.

Indicative of the general's foresight and his preparation for the exigencies of modern warfare is the following: "But occasion will arise when we must surmount obstacles in a hurry, a very great hurry, perhaps, in some neck or nothing dash. . . . It is at such times we will appreciate the superior ability of men who at the drop of the flag have dashed as one man with clashing irons at quarter speed at the first hedge, who have risen to it together and stood the bobble when a bad jump tore down half the brush. The men who have had the eye and nerve to pull a racing horse sidewise while in the air to avoid a fallen leader, or who, having fallen, have remounted and ridden home with a broken arm. . . . For even should an event requiring such ability never arise, the training a man's nerve gets and confidence it gives him in his horse are worth the effort."

At the time *The Rasp* was enjoying publication the Army had its own program of racing, both flat and steeplechase, and according to the records for 1913, Patton apparently had some pretty good mounts and was a fair sort of rider. He piloted Lt. K. S. Bradford's Zagg to victory in the 2½-mile Henry of Navarre Steeplechase at the Washington Riding and Hunt Club, Bennings, D. C., on May 24 and on the same day finished fourth in a field of eight with his own horse Gilbert in the Army and Navy Cup, a flat race of a mile and a quarter. (The Henry of Navarre, incidentally, was named for one of the foundation stallions of the United States Remount Service, presented to the Government along with Octagon in 1911 by August Belmont).

On May 22 he had finished fourth with his horse Wooltex in the two-mile Washington Remount Steeplechase and on the 26th he came home in the same position on the same horse in the Federal Handicap Steeplechase of 2½ miles.

In justice to the lieutenant's mounts and to his own riding ability it should be noted that the records indicate he was anywhere from nine to twelve pounds overweight in each of these events.

At the Piping Rock Racing Association Meeting, Locust Valley, Long Island, on June 9, he won the two-mile Piping Rock National Plate Steeplechase aboard Zagg in 4:01⅘. At the Belmont meeting the same month he took second money with Gilbert in the Belmont Military Handicap, a flat race of one mile, and finished third with Wooltex in the Military Steeplechase, 2¼ miles.

Patton, at the time, looked upon racing as the most democratic of all equine sports. "Horse shows and polo are notoriously society events; at both, the seats are expensive and limited, and the crowds, select and comparatively small. At races the seats are ample, the crowds large, and, if not select, at least very representative of the American voter—the man who makes or breaks us."

His endorsement of the Thoroughbred as an officer's mount is unreserved: "Many people who have never raced or owned a Thoroughbred or any other good horse will tell you that racing spoils a horse and that anyway, Thoroughbreds can't be used for drill. Such statements are the result of ignorance, or of rumors of some mythical horse owned long ago by some friend whom they can't quite remember, who had a Thoroughbred that ran away. Of course Thoroughbreds have bolted, for they are not all perfect any more than any other breed; neither are they less perfect. In the last three years I have owned six Thoroughbred horses, all of which I have raced and five of which I have used at drill with perfect comfort.

"In the last inaugural parade I rode a race-

REMINDERS

Thursday September 21 ♎ The Reins	Beulah Park closes.
Friday September 22 ♎ The Reins	Foals of 1944 must be registered on or before October 31 to avoid penalty.
Saturday September 23 ♏ The Secrets	Manhattan Handicap, Matron Stakes, Belmont Park. Hawthorne Juvenile Stakes, Hawthorne. Mary Dyer Handicap, James H. Connors Memorial Handicap, Narragansett Park. Thorncliffe Park opens. Wheeling Downs closes.
Sunday September 24 ♏ The Secrets	It's time to enter your stallion in THE BLOOD-HORSE Stallion Register.
Monday September 25 ♐ The Thighs	Willows Park closes.
Tuesday September 26 ♐ The Thighs	Lawrence Realization, Belmont Park.
Wednesday September 27 ♑ The Knees	Brook Steeplechase Handicap, Belmont Park. Richard Johnson Stakes, Laurel Park.
Thursday September 28 ♑ The Knees	Vosburgh Handicap, Belmont Park.
Friday September 29 ♒ The Legs	1941: Thomas Hitchcock died.
Saturday September 30 ♒ The Legs	Futurity Stakes, Jockey Club Gold Cup, Belmont Park. Laurel Stakes, Laurel Park. Hawthorne Handicap, Hawthorne. Narragansett Park closes; Governor's Handicap. Thorncliffe Park closes. Ascot Park closes. Fort Steuben closes.

"Lieut. G. S. Patton, 15th Cav. on his steeplechaser 'Wooltex' going to the post," is the caption on this picture in the 1914 edition of The Rasp. *Lieutenant Patton had some ideas about horse racing which help to explain his present reputation as General Patton.*

horse who had been out of training only four months, and had never before had a double bridle on. I happened to be an aide and rode him all day long through all sorts of crowds and music with no trouble. . . .

"At the Mounted Service School, one daily sees Thoroughbreds and cold blooded horses out on long extended gallops together, and, almost without exception, the Thoroughbred is quieter at the gallop and jiggs less after it than the other horse."

No more thoroughgoing indication of an intense interest in racing could be asked than Patton's assertion that "I have twice taken leaves and worked in racing stables under good trainers."

In the discussion of horsemanship his contempt of orthodoxy was as apparent then as it is now. Taking a bit of a jibe at some of his colleagues, he says, "We learn at our garrison schools or at the Mounted Service School, the style of riding particularly adapted to the military profession and forget that there are other equally good ways of riding when other objects are to be attained. We are apt to say, for example, 'John Smith rides well no doubt, but if he sat deeper in his saddle, carried his legs back more, and gave his horse a little more head at jumps he would do better.' And, having thus unburdened ourselves, we feel wise and satisfied in spite of the fact that John is perhaps drawing $5,000 a year for his riding. I do not mean by this that our style is wrong and John's right. If he tried to take a troop horse over a three foot jump with his style of riding the chances are he would get a refusal. What I mean is that we should not confound two styles both best for their separate ends, any more than we would criticize a trap shot for not taking the position of a rifleman at the 1,000 yard firing point."

Probably most distinctive, in the public mind, of all the General's idiosyncrasies is his inseparable pearl-handled pistol. This fondness for sidearms, as well as his uninhibited manner of expression, is evident in his remarks on "Mounted Swordmanship": "In order to be convinced that, despite all improvements, soldiers still look to personal, man to man combat as the deciding factor in battle, it is only necessary to remember that every branch of the world's military forces is equipped with a hand arm. . . .

"Would the millions of the world's warriors burden themselves with these weapons did they not expect and *long* to use them? Hardly. [Italics mine.—C. R. K.]

"In that dim unrecorded past, when man, on first rising from the beast, began to think, he noted that he who had the greater strength and sharpest teeth was successful in the pursuit of food and female over his fellows, who, also relying on their unaided strength, sought to oppose him, his pre-eminence went unchallenged until some one of lesser strength but greater cunning, seized upon a branch of a tree or bone of a devoured animal and reinforcing his lesser strength with this club, slew the giant and in his turn, became chief. Thus in the struggle of some hairy half human men, arms first asserted their supremacy, brawn first went down to brain."

When the impetuous Patton finally puts his spurs to his favorite tank and leads his troops in a "neck or nothing dash" down Unter Den Linden, his racing experiences can undoubtedly be credited as more than a minor factor in the making of one of the most colorful and tumultuous characters of World War II.

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Cows Win

Emil Denemark, Chicago owner and breeder, was a bidder last week when the 551-acre Kentucky farm owned by the John B. Gorham estate, on the Lexington-Paris road, was sold at public auction. Both tracts, however, were bought by D. R. Kelly, Fayette County dairyman, who has one of the largest dairy herds in the nation. Denemark bid on both tracts, the larger one fronting on the Paris road and adjoining Duntreath Farm, and the smaller one fronting on the Bryan Station pike and near the farm of C. V. Whitney. Mr. Denemark said he was looking for a Kentucky farm to which he could move his breeding stock from its present location in Illinois.

RHODE ISLAND

Narragansett Park

FOR the first 30 days of the 42-day meeting at Narragansett Park the total amount wagered was $23,471,090, the daily average $782,370. During the corresponding period last year the total was $18,962,690, average $632,090. On the day of the Narragansett Special, September 16, the sum of $1,375,919 passed through the machines, as compared with $1,236,610 on Special day a year ago.

The outstanding stakes event of the fall meeting at the Rhode Island course is the $25,000 added Narragansett Special at 1 3/16 miles. The winner was W-L Ranch's *Paperboy, which assumed the lead in the stretch over Max Marmorstein's pace-setting Castleman to draw out by a length and hold Millbrook Stable's Alex Barth safe. The latter beat Castleman a head; it was the fifth time in two months he had finished second in a rich handicap.

Harry M. Warner, owner of the W-L Ranch stable, who was trying to get to Narragansett Park from New York, missed seeing his 6-year-old gelding triumph in the Special. The tropical hurricane, which had done much damage in the Eastern States on the night of September 14, caused a delay in train schedules. Mr. Warner got as far as Bridgeport, Conn., then turned back. Trainer Sol Rutchick, who saddled the Havahome Stable entry of Strategic and Eye for Eye in the Special, was 22 hours getting there from New York.

*Paperboy Reaches $100,000

NARRAGANSETT SPECIAL. Narragansett Park, Sept. 16, $25,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, 1 3-16 miles. Time, 1:56, track fast. Stakes division, $23,150, $4,000 $2,000, $1,000. Importer's award (Major Austin C. Taylor), $750.

*Paperboy, 6, 110, b. g. by Papyrus—Bright Folly, by Black Jester (W-L Ranch)	1
Alex Barth, 117, Chance Play—Joybird (Millbrook Stable)	2
Castleman, 113, Chance Sun—Hildrum (Max Marmorstein)	3

Others, First Draft, 110; Devil Diver, 130; *Rounders, 114; Strategic, 106; *Famous Victory, 106; Texas Sandman, 3, 109; Sickles Choice, 105; Goober Lad, 106; Barbara Childs, 104; Eye for Eye, 106. M. Marmorstein and R. Metcalf entry, Castleman and Goober Lad; Greentree Stable entry, Devil Diver and *Famous Victory; Havahome Stable entry, Strategic and Eye for Eye. Winning jockey, Warren Mehrtens. Trainer, J. Coleman.

In the Saratoga Handicap at Belmont Park on August 19, the victorious *Paperboy carried the lighest weight of 103 pounds. The favored Devil Diver the highest weight, 135 pounds, was unplaced. Subsequently Devil Diver was an easy winner of the one-mile Wilson Stakes in which allowances had dropped his weight to 117 pounds, and *Paperboy, with 108 pounds up, ran a close third to Bon Jour (101) and Alex Barth (120) in the Trenton Handicap at Garden State Park.

With the difference in the weights between Devil Diver and *Paperboy cut from 32 pounds in the Saratoga Handicap to 20 in the Special, and the distance reduced a sixteenth of a mile, the horse players at Narragansett gave heavy support to the Greentree color-bearer, which was coupled with *Famous Victory, and second preference to Alex Barth, in with 117, one pound more than he carried when he ran second to *Paperboy in the Saratoga. The improving Texas Sandman, a stakes winner in New England, was third choice, *Paperboy fourth choice.

At the break Alex Barth was in front briefly, to the first turn, where Castleman and *Rounders took over, battling for the lead, with Castleman keeping his head in front until reaching the stretch. *Paperboy soon passed Alex Barth and was in a comfortable third position as the field rounded into the stretch. Here his rider shook him up to drive past *Rounders, then Castleman, to triumph by a length over Alex Barth, which had been right on his trail. Castleman was beaten a neck for the place, but stood off the slow-breaking First Draft by more than a length. The latter had a length to spare over Devil Diver, which ran without apparent excuse. The winner's time of 1:56 was a full second over Discovery's track record and three-fifths of a second slower than the stakes mark hung up by Market Wise last year.

*Paperboy, foaled in Ireland, unraced at two, was second at three in the Hollywood Gold Cup and third in the Hollywood Derby. At four he was third in the Quaker City Handicap. This is his second stakes victory. Altogether he has started 64 times, won ten races, finished second nine times, third 11 times, and has earned $104,315 for the W-L Ranch, owned by H. M. Warner, of the motion picture-producing family. *Paperboy's pedigree and family particulars appeared in THE BLOOD-HORSE of August 26, page 322.

NEW YORK

From Aqueduct to Belmont Park

RACING shifted on September 18 from Aqueduct to Belmont Park, where over 30,000 persons sent $2,831,295 into the totalizator on the opening day of the 18-day meeting. The $10,000 added Fall Highweight Handicap, at six furlongs down the Widener Course, went to Selznick Stable's Ariel Lad, 5-year-old chestnut gelding, by Ariel—Barefoot, by Cudgel or Fair Play, bred by Mereworth Farm. With 126 pounds up, the winner came within one-fifth of a second of the track record (1:08⅖), set this season by Howe Stable's True North, which was also in the race at 136 pounds, coupled with his stablemate Cassis (138), highweight of the field.

Also a feature of the opening was the field of 28 maiden 2-year-olds, which ran for a $3,000 purse in the fifth race at 5½ furlongs on the Widener Course. The winner was Mrs. Robert L. Gerry's alert Pharason, a home-bred colt by *Pharamond II out of Agrarian's dam, the stakes winner Mary Jane, by Pennant.

Aqueduct closed its meeting on Saturday, September 16, with the second highest mutuel play of the 12-day session, $2,819,294 passing through the mutuels. The second highest sum in the history of New York racing ($3,440,404) had been bet on the Labor Day program which began the meeting. The average for the meeting was cut down during the second week by the tropical hurricane which started building up the afternoon of September 14, reached its peak that night.

On September 15, the day following the hurricane, lack of electricity forced the use of batteries for the totalizator, loudspeaker, and photo finish, and the mutuel clerks sold tickets by candlelight. The odds board remained dark. As the printing plant had been damaged at Belmont Park, programs had to be printed at an emergency set-up. Before the first race the management offered a refund on admissions, but of the 15,000 present only a few hundred went home early, and the re-

*W-L Ranch's *PAPERBOY, winner of the Narragansett Special and Saratoga Handicap this season. A 6-year-old son of the less fortunate invader Papyrus, *Paperboy has earned over $100,000 in his racing career. Jockey Warren Mehrtens is in the saddle.*

Morgan Photo Service.

mainder stayed to bet $1,305,311 during the afternoon.

The meeting closed with its betting totaled at $23,477,276, average $1,956,439.

On the closing day at Aqueduct (September 16) interest was divided between the Cowdin Stakes for 2-year-olds at 6½ furlongs and the Beldame Handicap for fillies and mares at 1⅛ miles, each with a $25,000 added value. Jockey Ted Atkinson, who came out of a slump to ride five winners during the afternoon, including the daily double, had the leg up on Claude C. Tanner's Best Effort, winner of the Cowdin, and Longchamps Farms' Donitas First, which beat the heavily weighted Whirlabout two lengths for her first stakes victory. Both Best Effort and Donitas First were somewhat overlooked by the bettors.

Earlier in the week on September 13, Joe W. Brown's Brownie whipped John Marsch's Occupation in the mud for the $10,000 added Bay Shore Handicap at seven furlongs, which was the first start for the *Bull Dog colt in the East. Also defeated was another Chicago invader, the crack sprinter Three Dots. On the same day Isidore Bieber's Ahmisk won his second straight jumping stakes by taking the Glendale Steeplechase Handicap, $7,500 added, at about 2½ miles.

Ahmisk Repeats Over Fences

GLENDALE STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP. Aqueduct, Sept. 13, $7,500 added, 4-year-olds and up, about 2½ miles. Time, 5:22, track muddy. Stakes division, $5,695, $1,500, $750. Breeder's award (Mrs. Marion du Pont Scott), $225.

Ahmisk, 5, 139, b. g. by *Blenheim II—*Little Muff, by Sardanapale (Isidore Bieber) 1
***Burma Road**, 136, Link Boy—Saucy Silver (Mrs. Esther du Pont Weir) 2
Redlands, 139, Legume—Carrie B. (Rokeby Stable) 3

Others, Invader, 138. Winning jockey, George Walker. Trainer, Hirsch Jacobs.

Just six days after he had won the Harbor Hill Steeplechase at Aqueduct (not at Belmont Park, as inadvertently reported last week), Ahmisk again met two rivals he had vanquished in that stakes and another he had beaten earlier in the season. But the weight shifts were now definitely in the favor of his opponents, and so he went to the post outsider in the betting. Invader and *Burma Road fought it out gamely for the first two miles, while Ahmisk and Redlands followed closely. At the seventeenth and last fence Invader fell, Redlands retired. *Burma Road's brief lead on the flat to the finish soon failed as Ahmisk rushed forward, winning by several lengths.

Ahmisk this season has shown marked improvement as a jumper. Altogether he has started 19 times, won seven races, finished second twice, and has earned $15,470. His pedigree and family particulars appeared in THE BLOOD-HORSE of September 16, page 382.

Brownie Beats Occupation in Mud

BAY SHORE HANDICAP. Aqueduct, Sept. 13, $10,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, seven furlongs. Time, 1:24, track muddy. Stakes division, $7,435, $2,000, $1,000, $500. Breeder's award (Mrs. Joe W. Brown), $300.

Brownie, 5, 115, blk. h. by *Cohort—Dorothy B., by Diavolo (Joe W. Brown) 1
Occupation, 126, *Bull Dog—Miss Bunting (John Marsch) 2
Gallant Bull, 3, 106, Bull Lea—Gallant Miss (Barrington Stable) 3

Others, Ariel Lad, 110; Three Dots, 126; *Bellwether, 3, 101. Winning jockey, Eric Guerin. Trainer, John B. Theall.

At the Fair Grounds, New Orleans, last winter Brownie met the best sprinters there in four successive races, finished second in all of them. Then, surprising many of his large group of erstwhile supporters, in an overnight handicap he ran off and hid from a field of sharp horses which included Marriage, First Fiddle, and Salto.

Early in the New York season Brownie was close up in a number of races with the best sprinters, occasionally winning. His most notable metropolitan effort was a dead heat with Wait A Bit and Bossuet in the Carter Handicap on a sloppy track at Aqueduct in June. More recently he accounted for the Princeton Handicap at Garden State Park.

So when the two sprinting stars of the Middle West, Occupation and Three Dots, were sent to the post in the Bay Shore for their eastern seasonal debut, a plurality of the New York horse players supported Brownie, the horse they had seen run more frequently. The son of *Cohort had his Carter weight up, receiving 11 pounds from the two Chicago invaders, Three Dots and

Occupation, which were close second and third choices, respectively.

With a muddy course prevailing, Georgie Woolf booted Occupation to the front early, but Brownie was soon at his throat driving down the back side. At the far turn Occupation surrendered the lead to Brownie, which moved forward about a length, but as they turned into the stretch the *Bull Dog colt, on the inside, challenged Brownie again, got almost on even terms with him. Jockie Guerin then went to the whip and Brownie gradually drew away from his rival to win by several lengths. Occupation had no difficulty in holding the place from Gallant Bull by a similar margin. Three Dots apparently did not like the kind of mud prevailing at Aqueduct, he was well off the pace all the way.

Brownie showed little at two, ran very well at three, moderately at four, but this season has won six races. Altogether he has started 52 times, won 17 races, finished second 12 times, third eight times, and has earned $47,673. His pedigree and family particulars appeared in THE BLOOD-HORSE of June 17, page 810.

Best Effort Wins Cowdin Stakes

COWDIN STAKES. Aqueduct, Sept. 16, $25,000 added, 2-year-olds, 6½ furlongs. Time, 1:18⅗, track fast. Stakes division, $20,565, $5,000, $2,500, $1,250. Breeder's award (Joseph Knight), $750.

Best Effort, 120, blk. c. by Ladysman—Gorgeous Lady, by *Colonel Vennie or Busy American (Claude C. Tanner) ---------- 1
War Jeep, 120, War Admiral—Alycarn (Maine Chance Farm) ---------- 2
Errard, 120, *Challenger II—Ruddy Light (John Marsch) ---------- 3

Others, Plebiscite 122, Alexis 120, Sun Herod 120, Paper Mill 120, Fighting Don 120, First Stage 114, Stage Fire 114, Maxwell Howard entry, First Stage and Stage Fire. Winning jockey, Ted Atkinson. Trainer, Willie Crump.

As an early autumnal prelude to the Futurity and Champagne Stakes, the Cowdin Stakes is eagerly awaited by students of bloodlines and handicapping alike. Generally it draws to New York for the first time the best 2-year-olds from the Middle West which are candidates for the late Eastern stakes.

In the running of September 16, John Marsch's Errard and Claude C. Tanner's Best Effort had come on from Chicago to oppose whatever the East had to offer. Absent from the race were Free for All (Errard's stablemate), champion of the Middle West, and Pavot, champion of the East, and also Bobanet, winner of the Eastern Shore Handicap and Walt Whitman Stakes. Bobanet was in the overnight entries, but was scratched.

But with the exception of the Maxwell Howard entry of two maidens, First Stage and Stage Fire, all of the ten starters had won stakes prior to the Cowdin. Probably because of his stretch-running abilities, Errard went to the post favorite at 9 to 5, while the other Chicago invader, Best Effort (defeated three times by Errard), was eighth choice at 13 to 1.

That most of the horse players had made a mistake was quickly proven. War Jeep and Errard bounded forth to make the pace, with Best Effort a well placed third from his inside position. Plebiscite was in close attendance. This order continued until the long stretch was reached, where Ted Atkinson went to the whip on the Tanner colt, drove him to the line a length and a half ahead of War Jeep. Errard dropped back in the late stages to finish three lengths behind the runner-up, but a length before Plebiscite. The others were never prominent.

All of the starters are eligible for the Champagne Stakes, to be run at Belmont Park on October 7, a week following the Futurity. Neither Best Effort nor War Jeep is eligible for the latter, but Errard will probably be Mr. Marsch's main hope to maintain his custom of winning Futurities. Of the other starters in the Cowdin, Plebiscite and Alexis are also in the rich 2-year-old stakes of September 30.

Best Effort was bred at Joe Knight's farm in Jessamine County, Kentucky. Trainer Willie Crump inspected the colt as a yearling, persuaded Mr. Tanner to buy him privately from Mr. Knight. Besides the Cowdin, Best Effort also has won the Bashford Manor Stakes at Churchill Downs. He has started 18 times, won six races, finished second six times, third twice, and has earned $34,670. His pedigree and family particulars appeared in THE BLOOD-HORSE of May 13, 1944, page 689.

Donitas First Beats Whirlabout

BELDAME HANDICAP. Aqueduct, Sept. 16, $25,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, 1⅛ miles. Time, 1:51⅘, track fast. Stakes division, $18,530, $5,000, $2,500, $1,250. Breeder's award (Henry Lustig), $750.

Donitas First, 3, 112 (Longchamps Farms) ---------- 1
Whirlabout, 3, 124, Pompey—Lost Horizon (Louis B. Mayer) ---------- 2
Moon Maiden, 114, *Challenger II—Star Chase (Isidore Bieber) ---------- 3

Others, Good Morning, 121; Canina, 3, 109; Vienna, 3, 114; Thread o' Gold, 3, 107. Belair Stud entry, Vienna and Thread o' Gold. Winning jockey, Ted Atkinson.

Racing Secretary John B. Campbell assigned the post of honor in the Beldame Handicap to the 3-year-old filly Whirlabout, winner of the Gazelle and Test Stakes, the Yankee and Diana Handicaps, and the New England Oaks this season. Weighted at 124 pounds, Whirlabout was carrying eight pounds over scale weight, while the 4-year-old Good Morning, winner of the Hannah Dustin and Vineland Handicaps, was in at two pounds less than her scale weight of 123. Vienna, a 3-year-old best known for breaking the 1944 winning streak of the outstanding Twilight Tear in the Alabama Stakes, received 114 pounds, two below scale, the same as assigned the older Moon Maiden, winner of a number of graded handicaps this season. To the 3-year-old Donitas First Mr. Campbell gave 112 pounds, four below scale.

In the Vineland Handicap at Garden State Park on September 9, Donitas First had run third to Good Morning and her own stablemate Mrs. Ames, after suffering interference at the head of the stretch. In the Beldame, she avoided interference while racing on the inside, gradually moved up on the leaders, and took the lead from Whirlabout in the stretch to score under a drive by several lengths. Louis B. Mayer's filly, heavy favorite in the mutuels, forced the pace of Thread o' Gold to the far turn, assumed command until passed by the winner near the furlong pole, finished four lengths ahead of the veteran Moon Maiden. Good Morning, taken back early, improved her position slightly in the stretch to be several lengths behind Moon Maiden at the wire. The winner, fourth choice in the betting at over 6 to 1, was enjoying her first stakes triumph.

*Sickle	{	Phalaris by Polymelus—Bromus
	{	Selene by Chaucer—Serenissima
REAPING REWARD (Brown, 1934)		
Dustwhirl	{	Sweep by Ben Brush—Pink Domino
	{	Ormonda by Superman—Princess Ormonde
DONITAS FIRST (Bay filly, 1941)		
Stimulus	{	Ultimus by Commando—Running Stream
	{	Hurakan by Uncle—The Hoyden
DONITA M. (Chestnut, 1936)		
My Risk	{	Campfire by Olambala—Nightfall
	{	*Venturescme II by Sir Martin—Ventura (No. 2)

Henry Lustig, breeder; Longchamps Farms, owner; Preston M. Burch, trainer.

Donitas First was foaled February 6, 1941, at Horace N. Davis' Blue Grass Heights Stock Farm near Lexington, where Henry Lustig at the time was boarding the only two mares he owned. She was the first foal of her dam Donita M., a stakes winner under the Longchamps colors. At two Donitas First ran in two races, won both. Altogether she has started 13 times, won six races, placed four times, run third once, and has earned $32,525.

DONITA M., stakes winner of five races at two, including National Stallion, Astoria, Empire City Demoiselle Stakes, two foals. Winner, Donitas First (stakes, above). MY RISK, unraced, five foals. Winners, Fairisk (also producer), Reckless (also producer), Donita M. (stakes, producer, above), Gallant Risk. *VENTURESOME II, unraced, ten foals. Winners, *Diapason (Goodwood Stakes, Newbury Autumn Cup, Alexandra Handicap, sire), Desperado, Geisboro, Bold Pirate, Diabroom. Producers, Risky (dam of Risque, Riskulus; grandam of Sky Larking, Danger Point, Little Risk), My Risk (above). Sire, Parsifal.

MARYLAND

Laurel Park

THE meeting at Laurel Park has now settled down to the routine of its 50 days of racing, representing the combined interests of the four major courses in Maryland—Laurel Park, Pimlico, Havre de Grace, and Bowie. Crowds of seven or eight thousand were reported in midweek, and on Saturday, September 16, about 15,000 passed through the gates. Betting last week ranged from slightly less than $500,000 (on the Tuesday) to $772,601 on Saturday. The average daily turnover for the first 12 days was $551,821, which is lower than that at most of the more important metropolitan courses, but still represents a gain of more than 50 per cent over the average in 1942, the last previous meeting at Laurel Park.

The hurricane which swept up the Atlantic Coast last week left very little mark either on Laurel Park's real estate or its statistics, aside from a wetting of the track.

With Garden State Park closed and a number of horses released from activity there, the Laurel Park races were better filled than they had been during the first week, and the racing in general was of a very good class. The only stakes event of the week was the Potomac Handicap, for 3-year-olds, in which Megogo emulated his sire, Menow, winner of the fixture in 1938. There was, however, a generous portion of non-claiming overnight races with substantial purses. On the Saturday program, along with the Potomac, were a 2-year-old filly race won by Rock Hill Farm's War Strategy (War Admiral—Squeeze); a six-furlong test for Maryland-bred 3-year-olds, won by J. S. Archer's Smoke Puff (Burning Star—Fluffy Lee); a six-furlong purse for 3-year-olds and up, which went to C. T. Chenery's Hornbeam (Whiskaway—Annie R.), and a Class C race at a mile and 70 yards, which fell to Col. C. V. Whitney's filly Legend Bearer (The Porter—Motto).

The Havre de Grace Handicap, for 3-year-olds and up, with $15,000 added, is the only stakes event this week, but for the remainder of the meeting the added money events will come oftener. Nominations for the stakes to be run in October closed last week, except for the early-closing Selima Stakes and Maryland Futurity.

Megogo's First Stakes

POTOMAC HANDICAP, Laurel Park, Sept. 16, $15,000 added, 3-year-olds, 1 1-16 miles. Time, 1:49⅘, track good. Stakes division, $12,275, $3,000, $1,500, $750.

Megogo, 109 (Christiana Stable)	1
Big Push, 106, Peace Chance—Pantoufle (Col. C. V. Whitney)	2
Comanche Peak, 111, Sangreal—Fair Glen (Mrs. Floyd West)	3

Others, Plucky Raider 110½, Mouse Hole 110, Ariel Flight 110½, Tex Martin 112, Director J. E. 112, Grant Rice 113, My All 107½, Easy Chance 102. Winning jockey, Kenneth Seawthorn.

A field of 11 second-flight 3-year-olds went to the post in the Potomac Handicap, usually a Havre de Grace fixture, but added this year to Laurel's joint meeting of the four Maryland tracks. Racing Secretary Fred Burton had Longchamps Farms' Grant Rice the topweight of the field at 113 pounds, with W. S. Horne's Tex Martin and E. K. Bryson's Director J. E. next with 112 each, the weight range being only 11 pounds, down to a bottom of 102.

Although Grant Rice received considerable support and closed at 3 to 1, the favorite was Megogo, a brown gelding sold at the end of the Pimlico spring meeting by Hal Price Headley to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lunger for their Christiana Stable. Justifying his support, the son of Menow came with a terrific rush from almost last place on the final turn to assume the lead as he entered the stretch and draw away by seven lengths. Big Push, an outsider and pacemaker most of the distance, held the margin of a length over Comanche Peak, another contender prominent from the start. Tex Martin and Director J. E. were never close, and Grant Rice quit after racing third and fourth for six furlongs.

	*Pharamond II	Phalaris by Polymelus—Bromus
		Selene by Chaucer—Serenissima
MENOW (Bay, 1935)		
	Alcibiades	Supremus by Ultimus—*Mandy Hamilton
		*Regal Roman by Roi Herode—Lady Cicero
MEGOGO (Brown colt, 1941)		
	*Negofol	Childwick by St. Simon—Plaisanterie
		Nebrouze by Hoche—Nebuleuse
NEGOPORTE (Black, 1925)		
	*Portland Urn	Son-in-Law by Dark Ronald—Mother-in-Law
		Lady Portland by Bill of Portland—Doris (No. 5)

Hal Price Headley, breeder; Christiana Stable, owner; Jack A. Healey, trainer.

Megogo, foaled April 11, 1941, at Hal Price Headley's Beaumont Farm, started ten times at two, winning one race. Altogether he has started 26 times, won five races, finished second three times, third four times, and has earned $23,775, all but $1,975 of this sum having been won this year. The Potomac Handicap was his first stakes victory.

NEGOPORTE, unraced, nine foals. Winners, Little Stokes, Hadtobe, Sunport, Nedporte, Black Daisy, Portable, Megogo (stakes, above). Producer, Suneego. *PORTLAND URN, placed at two, five foals. Winners, At Sundown (also producer), Sunburn, Sun Portland (Illinois Derby, Derby Hope Handicap, also second in Detroit Derby). Producer, Negoporte (above). LADY PORTLAND, winner, six named foals. Winners, Debrett, *Heir at Law. Producers, *Rezende, *Portland Urn (above), Macula, Gracella (dam of stakes winner Zingaro).

Pimlico Stakes

Considerable increase in the added value of the stakes and a continued emphasis on distance racing will feature the joint 22-day meeting of

the four major Maryland tracks at Pimlico, which opens on November 1, immediately following a similar cooperative meeting now in progress at Laurel Park. Nominations for these stakes close on Monday, October 2, according to an announcement by Henry A. Parr III, president of the Maryland Jockey Club.

The invitational Pimlico Special with its winner-take-all provision is worth $25,000, as last year, but the Riggs Handicap and the Walden Stakes have been upped to a $25,000 added value. The 2½-mile Pimlico Cup, not run since 1930, has been revived with a similar amount added. The $7,500 added Sagamore Stakes and the $10,000 added Endurance Handicap for 2-year-olds (a Bowie fixture), have been restored to the list this season, with the latter showing an increased value of $2,500 over its 1942 value. The $10,000 added Governor Bowie Handicap has been doubled in value, and $2,500 has been added to the 1943 values of the Grayson Stakes and the Ritchie, Exterminator, Battleship Steeplechase, and Lady Baltimore Handicaps. The $15,000 added Pimlico Futurity for 2-year-olds will gross about $40,000.

The Pimlico Cup is co-feature with the Walden Stakes on closing day, Saturday, November 25. At the distance of 2½ miles, it originated in 1919, with Exterminator the victor in the first three runnings. This is the longest stakes offered on the flat, but there are the Exterminator Handicap, at two miles and 70 yards, and two others over a mile and a quarter. The list of stakes is included in an advertisement on pages 410 and 411.

MICHIGAN

Detroit

ON Wednesday, September 20, the Detroit track will close what is in effect a meeting of 105 days, by far the longest session of racing at one course in the United States. Through the 102nd day, Saturday, September 16, a total of $49,977,154 had passed through the mutuels, a daily average of $489,972. Last week's betting totaled $2,755,959, an average of $459,326, which was somewhat lower than the previous week, when the Labor Day record turnover of $764,706 had boosted the average for that week to $504,919.

T. C. Melrose's Restless, 4-year-old chestnut gelding by Gallant Fox—Reckless, by Stimulus, with 104 pounds up, came with a rush through the stretch to win the $15,000 Eclipse Handicap, overnight feature of the Saturday program. He caught the speedy Seven Hearts, of the Brown Hotel Stable, near the wire, beat him a head. The latter, highweight of the field with 127 pounds and heavy favorite, could not quite hold out for the distance of 1 1/16 miles, but saved the place by four lengths over Dearborn Stable's Nelson Dunstan.

Darby Dan Farm (John W. Galbreath) scored with a double with Darby Delilah in the $5,000 Gen. Clark Handicap, for 3-year-olds and up at six furlongs, and the 2-year-old Air Sailor in the $4,000 Capt. Ruben Iden Handicap, at 1 1/16 miles.

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Revenue. The State of New Jersey collected $400 in fines, $7,801 in license fees, and $2,328,816 in pari-mutuel receipts from the recent 50-day meeting at Garden State Park.

ILLINOIS

Hawthorne

A NEW wagering record was set at Hawthorne when $1,298,522 passed through the totalizator on September 16, eighth day of the 34-day meeting. This brought the betting total to $5,415,570, the daily average to $901,383, which is close to the averages of the recent Arlington and Washington Park meetings.

The Hawthorne Autumn Handicap was the feature of the record-breaking day. In this $10,000 added stakes for 3-year-olds and up at 1 1/16 miles, Mrs. Robert L. McGarvey's 4-year-old filly Night Shadow came from off the pace to stand off Howard Wells' Equifox by a neck for first money. The latter had just won the rich Washington Park Handicap and, with his stablemate, David Straus' Daily Trouble, was favorite.

Anthony Skoronski, the jockey who won with Night Shadow, also piloted three other winners during the afternoon, including Brolite Farm's Challenge Me, best known as the winner earlier in the season of the Arkansas Derby. In a Grade D handicap at six furlongs, Challenge Me led home Mrs. Albert Sabath's Civil Liberty by four lengths.

Earlier in the afternoon Lucas B. Combs' Flying Colors, a 2-year-old bay gelding by Supremus out of Daintiness (dam of Devil's Thumb), by Blue Larkspur, broke his maiden impressively by six lengths in his second start.

Night Shadow's Second Stakes

HAWTHORNE AUTUMN HANDICAP. Hawthorne, Sept. 16, $10,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, 1 1-16 miles. Time, 1:46⅗, track good. Stakes division, $9,550, $2,000, $1,000, $500.

Night Shadow, 110 (Mrs. Robert McGarvey) 1
Equifox, 122, Equipoise—Catherine Fox (Howard Wells) 2
Dcggone, 3, 109 *Bull Dog—At Top (Coward and Du Puy) 3

Others, Silvestra, 104; Son of Peace, 110; Daily Trouble, 114; Happy Issue, 111; Traffic Court, 113; Take Wing, 103; Harriet Sue, 3, 106; Signals Bloke, 3, 98; Valdina Foe, 114. Howard Wells and David Straus entry, Equifox and Daily Trouble. Winning jockey, Anthony Skoronski.

Hawthorne seems to be the favorite hunting ground for Night Shadow. There last year she won the Illinois Owners' Handicap, but though she placed in the Francis S. Peabody Memorial and the Modesty Handicaps earlier in the season, the 4-year-old filly had not won a stakes since. In her first appearance of the fall at Chicago's oldest course, the daughter of *Man O'Night again found green pastures.

The entry of Howard Wells' Equifox and David Straus' Daily Trouble, which had finished one-two in the Washington Park Handicap on Labor Day, was a heavy favorite in the totalizator, the McGarvey filly second choice at almost 5 to 1. Jockey Skoronski, who was already the riding

	Manna	{ Phalaris by Polymelus—Bromus
		{ Waffles by Buckwheat—Lady Mischief
*MAN O'NIGHT (Bay, 1929)		
	Arctic Night	{ White Eagle by Gallinule—Merry Gal
		{ Jean's Folly by Ayrshire—Black Cherry
NIGHT SHADOW (Bay filly, 1940)		
	*St. Germans	{ Swynford by John o' Gaunt—Canterbury Pilgrim
		{ Hamoaze by Torpoint—Maid of the Mist
TWEENY (Dark bay, 1929)		
	Untidy	{ Sweep by Ben Brush—Pink Domino
		{ Cafe au Lait by *Meddler—Gunfire (No. 5 family)

Mrs. John M. Branham, breeder; Mrs. Robert McGarvey, owner; R. McGarvey, trainer.

star of the day, took a steady hold on Night Shadow at the break, by keeping her well back in the field but ahead of her keenest rival, Equifox,

which broke last. Harriet Sue and Happy Issue, followed by Silvestra and Daily Trouble, set the pace into the backstretch, with the Bull Lea filly dropping out at the far turn, leaving the other front-runners in command around the bend.

As the field swung into the stretch, Night Shadow, fortunate to find space, moved past the leaders, withstood Equifox's closing rush by a neck. The latter, topweight with 122 pounds, lost much ground by running wide all the way, but took the place by three lengths over Doggone.

Night Shadow, foaled April 30, 1940, at Mrs. John Branham's farm at Gallatin, Tenn., was sold as a yearling for $1,600 at Saratoga. Altogether she has started 32 times, won 13 races, finished second nine times, third four times, and has earned $34,000.

TWEENY, winner at three and four, four foals. Winners, Aranmore, Night Shadow (stakes, above). UNTIDY, winner Kentucky Oaks, Gazelle Stakes, seven foals. Winners, Tweeny (producer, above), First Minstrel (Junior Champion, Sanford Stakes), Tattered, Rags and Tags (also producer). Producer, Trig (dam of the stakes winners Bottle Cap, Cute Trick). CAFE AU LAIT, unraced, 12 foals. Winners, *Rapid Firer, Untidy (stakes, producer, above), Stirrup Cup (Miller Stakes), Temeraire. Producers, *Milky Way II, *Muffins, Maracaibo, Java, Coffee, Kenya.

CANADA

Woodbine Park

THE fall racing season in Canada had its No. 1 show last week, at old Woodbine Park, whose place in the history of the Canadian Turf is such that it commands a feeling bordering upon reverence. The meeting was highly successful, with large crowds and plentiful wagering, but since new taxes have run the take-out from the mutuel pools up to an approximate 22 per cent the management does not find its revenues large enough to move its purses up to the standard they once held. Nevertheless the seven-day meeting observed a purse minimum of $1,000 and included among its programs two $5,000 added stakes, both on the last day, September 16, and eight other stakes events of lesser value.

Sometimes the Woodbine fall meeting is harassed by unfavorable weather conditions, but this year it was quite fortunate, though the racing of Thursday, September 14, was almost hidden from the crowd by a thick fog which lay over the course and made the backstretch invisible. On the final day, the track was exceptionally fast, and two new time records were set. In the overnight Sandown Handicap the outsider Sabulus, beating Ten to Ace, *Fairaris, and other Canadian veterans, ran six furlongs in 1:10⅗, cutting four-fifths of a second off the record set by Carmandale in 1922, and in the next race Bon Jour lowered the nine-furlong record from 1:51⅕ to 1:50⅗.

Next of the meetings at Toronto will be at Thorncliffe Park, which has several important events scheduled and is expected to rival Woodbine in the class of its racing.

The following list gives the winners of the lesser stakes at the Woodbine Park meeting:

OSSABAW, blk. g., 10, by *Grandace—Eileen W., by Knight of the Garter, owned by T. T. Mott, bred by J. P. White, Woodbine Autumn Steeplechase Handicap, $2,000 added, Sept. 9, and Hendrie Steeplechase Handicap, $2,000 added, Sept. 16.

DUNE, ch. c., 2, by *Shifting Sands II—Trojis, by Trojan, owned by Montana Stable, bred by Fred B. Koontz, Grey Stakes Handicap, $2,500 added, Sept. 9. Mrs. Tom Stevenson's Sure Delight, by *Swift and Sure—Mad Delight, finished second, Four Oaks Stable's Transbest, by Transmute—La Luau, third. All three of these were purchased out of the Lexington auctions last year, Dune for $400, Sure Delight for $1,700, Transbest for $1,800.

MUGWUMP, br. g., 4, by Valted—Sarah, by Son o' Battle, owned by Mrs. J. Kemp, bred in Texas by G. B. McCamey, Autumn Handicap, $2,000 added, Sept. 9.

SISTER PAT, br. f., 4, by Brother Joe—Orphan Patsy, by Cudgel, owned by Garden City Stable, bred by Donat Raymond, Maple Leaf Stakes, $2,500 added, Sept. 11.

CHANCE CROSS, br. g., 4, by Chance Sun—Cherry Cross, by Cherokee, owned by A. I. Taylor, bred by Charles W. Black, Seagram Cup Handicap, $2,000 added, Sept. 13.

MAGINOT LINE, b. h., 5, by Dolan—Bay Salute, by Petee-Wrack, owned and bred by Dr. L. H. Appleby, Durham Cup Handicap, $2,000 added, Sept. 14.

BROOM TIME, ch. g., 3, by Brooms—Rise, by *Craigangower, owned by J. E. Frost, bred by R. James Speers, Breeders' Stakes, $4,000 added, Sept. 16. This race is for Canadian-foaled 3-year-olds.

Uppermost's Uttermost

CORONATION STAKES, Woodbine Park, Sept. 15, $5,000 added, 2-year-olds, foaled in Canada, one mile. Time, 1:40⅖, track fast. Stakes division, $6,050, $800, $500, $300.

Uttermost, 120 (H. C. Hatch)	1
Floral Gift, 106, Khorasan—Lady Floyd (Medway Stable)	2
Hemjohn, 114, Happy Fox—Photograph (J. Frances)	3

Others, The Sheriff 114, Heydeunette 111, My Aeushla 106, Ferry Pilot 122, Blaenor 114, Pattergal 111, Frivolous Kit 111, North Drive 114. Parkwood Stables entry, Heydunette and Blaenor. Winning jockey, R. Watson.

Three times in the last four years, and twice in the previous decade, the Coronation Stakes, Woodbine Park's leading autumn fixture for Canadian-bred 2-year-olds, has been won by the horses of the Toronto business man and sportsman H. C. Hatch. His representative in the thirty-ninth running of the stakes was Uttermost, second foal of the high-class mare Uppermost. Following in the steps of his year-older half-brother Sayonara, Uttermost had won the Winnipeg Futurity at Polo Park at the end of June. He had been beaten in his one subsequent start, at Washington Park on August 31. In the betting he was second choice, at slightly more than 2 to 1, the favorite being the Parkwood Stables (R. S. McLaughlin) entry of Heydunette and Blaenor.

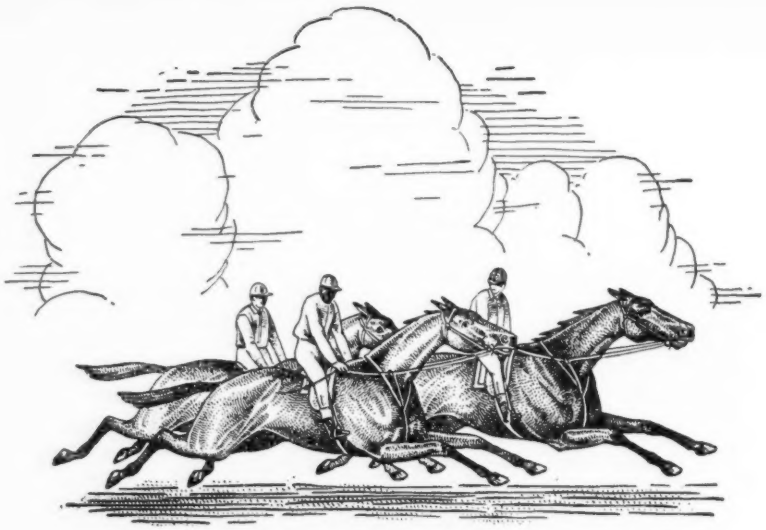
Uttermost moved into the lead from the start, and though he had brief competition from The Sheriff, son of Canada's famed Bunty Lawless, he was easily master of the field and drew out to win by six lengths, with two lengths between Floral Gift and Hemjohn.

	*Teddy	Ajax by Flying Fox—Amie
		Rondeau by Bay Ronald—Doremi
	*SOLEIL DU MIDI (Bay, 1932)	
	Midnight Folly	Black Jester by Polymelus—Absurdity
		Only Girl by Fugleman—Altoviscar
UTTERMOST (Bay colt, 1942)		
	*Cohort	Grand Parade by Orby—Grand Geraldine
		Tetrabbazia by The Tetrarch—Abbazia
	UPPERMOST (Chestnut, 1932)	
	Summit	Ultimus by Commando—Running Stream
		*Torpenhow by Torpoint—Paola (No. 8 family)

H. C. Hatch, breeder and owner; C. Howard, trainer.

Uttermost, foaled at Mr. Hatch's farm near Toronto, has now won three of his five races, finished unplaced in the other two, earned $8,790 and the reputation of being the best of this year's Canadian-bred 2-year-olds.

UPPERMOST, winner Schuylerville, Troy Stakes, Oakland Handicap, King George VI Coronation Cup, two foals. Winners, Sayonara (Winnipeg Futurity), Uttermost (Winnipeg Futurity, Coronation Stakes, above). SUMMIT, placed four times in seven starts, ten foals. One of Summit's



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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, THROUGH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

			Added
Wednesday, November 1	THE PIMLICO SPECIAL (By Invitation Only)	One Mile and Three-Sixteenths	$25,000
	Winner-Take-All		
Wednesday, November 1	THE GRAYSON STAKES	One Mile and A Half	$10,000
	Three-Years-Olds and Upward		
Saturday, November 4	THE JANNEY HANDICAP	Six Furlongs	$ 5,000
	All Ages		

			Added
Monday, November 6	THE SAGAMORE	Six Furlongs	$ 7,500
	Two-Year-Olds		
Tuesday, November 7	THE GOVERNOR BOWIE HANDICAP	One Mile and Five-Eighths	$10,000
	Three-Year-Olds and Upward		
Saturday, November 11	THE RITCHIE HANDICAP	Six Furlongs	$10,000
	Three-Year-Olds and Upward		
Monday, November 13	THE ENDURANCE HANDICAP	One Mile and Seventy Yards	$10,000
	Two-Year-Olds		
Wednesday, November 15	THE EXTERMINATOR HANDICAP	Two Miles and Seventy Yards	$10,000
	Three-Year-Olds and Upward		
Thursday, November 16	THE HEISER HANDICAP	Six Furlongs	$ 5,000
	All Ages, Foaled in Maryland		
Friday, November 17	THE BATTLESHIP STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP	Two Miles	$ 7,500
	Three-Year-Olds and Upward		
Saturday, November 18	THE FUTURITY (Closed December 15, 1941)	One Mile and a Sixteenth	$15,000
	Two-Year-Olds (Entire Colts and Fillies)		
Monday, November 20	THE RIGGS HANDICAP	One Mile and Three-Sixteenths	$25,000
	Three-Year-Olds and Upward		
Thursday, November 23	THE LADY BALTIMORE HANDICAP	One Mile and a Sixteenth	$ 7,500
	Three-Year-Olds and Upward, Fillies and Mares		
Friday, November 24	THE MANLY STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP	Two and One-Half Miles	$10,000
	Four-Year-Olds and Upward		
Saturday, November 25	THE WALDEN	One Mile and One-Sixteenth	$25,000
	Two-Year-Olds		
Saturday, November 25	THE PIMLICO CUP	Two Miles and One-Half	$25,000
	Three-Year-Olds and Upward		

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foals was the high-class stakes winner Apogee, dam of Flood Town, one of the leading 2-year-olds of this season. For further family particulars, see notes on Flood Town, THE BLOOD-HORSE, May 27, page 739.

Bon Jour Sets Track Record

JOCKEY CLUB CUP HANDICAP. Woodbine Park. Sept. 16, $5,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, 1⅛ miles. Time, 1:50⅗ (new track record), track fast. Stakes division, $4,260, $800, $300, $100.

Bon Jour, 126, b. g., 6, by Sun Beau—*Chaucerita, by Chaucer (Charles Turner)	1
Mugwump, 117, Valted—Sarah (Mrs. J. Kemp)	2
Attrisius, 108, Frisius—Attack (Riverdale Stable)	3

Others, Flying Giant 112, Bonnie Golos 112, Chance Cross 108, Heel Up 107½. Winning jockey, C. Rogers. Trainer, F. Hausman.

Years ago, when purses at Woodbine Park compared more favorably with those below the border, it was fairly common practice for horses which had shown high class in the United States to make forays into Canada for the richer open races there. Since the depression the Canadians have had very little of this sort of competition. Thus it was something of a break with the established pattern of recent years when Charles Turner's Bon Jour, winner of the $50,000 added Trenton Handicap at Garden State Park, moved across the line for the Jockey Club Cup. He was assigned top weight of 126 pounds and made favorite at 45 cents on the dollar. He came through, not only with victory, but with a reduction of three-fifths of a second in a track record which had not been tampered with since the fall of 1936, when Tempestuous ran nine furlongs in 1:51⅕.

Under a strong hold in the early running, Bon Jour began to gain on the last turn, took the lead from Mugwump near the finish and won by half a length. The Texas-bred Mugwump, second in the weight with 117 pounds and already winner of the Autumn Handicap at the meeting, ran a good race to finish five lengths ahead of the third horse.

Bon Jour's record for five seasons of racing: 81 starts, 16 wins, 10 seconds, 11 thirds, $87,760 earned. For notes and family particulars, see THE BLOOD-HORSE, September 2, page 343.

STUD NEWS

Best Seller and Bless Me

OF Ohio's numerous breeders of Thoroughbreds the one who operates on the largest scale is a hustling Columbus realtor, John W. Galbreath, whose 800-acre Darby Dan Farm is equipped in the style of the best Thoroughbred nurseries in the country. Mr. Galbreath is the owner of four stallions, the veterans Burgoo King and Isaiah and the younger Bless Me and Best Seller, three of these having been purchased from Col. E. R. Bradley.

Best Seller has already been advertised to make the 1945 season at Colonel Bradley's Idle Hour Stock Farm, Lexington, under the direction of Manager Olin Gentry. Bless Me had been advertised to enter the stud next season at Darby Dan Farm, but this week Mr. Galbreath was expected in Lexington to make arrangements for standing the son of *Sickle at a farm in Fayette County. Though no definite plans had been announced when THE BLOOD-HORSE went to press, it had begun to appear that Mr. Galbreath planned to breed horses on a moderately extensive scale in Kentucky as well as in Ohio.

Idle Hour Stock Farm's acceptance of Best Seller as a tenant represents something of a break with custom at that famous nursery. Not since 1926, when *Master Charlie stood there for his brief first season in the stud, has an "outside" stallion been advertised at Idle Hour. In this case Idle Hour has a strong rooting interest. Best Seller is by Blue Larkspur out of Colonel Bradley's Hopeful Stakes winner Bazaar and did most of his winning for Mr. Galbreath, one of Idle Hour's best customers in recent years. He will stand at Idle Hour even if Bless Me is placed at another farm in Fayette County. "We like him ourselves," said Mr. Gentry.

Bless Me, also bred at Idle Hour and purchased by Mr. Galbreath after he had begun to show his racing class, had been advertised to stand at a fee of $250 with return privilege. He is by *Sickle out of Buginarug, dam of By Jimminy, which is by *Sickle's full brother *Pharamond II. A more definite announcement as to his location for the 1945 season is expected soon.

Equine Survivors in Normandy

Out of liberated France came last week the first items of information as to what had happened to some of the great Thoroughbred nurseries of that country during the occupation and the recent battles there. Peter A. B. Widener, owner of the Elmendorf Farm at Lexington and successor to his late father in the ownership of one of the most prominent studs in France, has passed on to THE BLOOD-HORSE, in brief form, some of the information which has come to him from reliable sources.

The following notes are transcribed almost verbatim from Mr. Widener's memorandum to THE BLOOD-HORSE.

Racing was continued in France until July, but no information is available as to the training establishments at Chantilly and Maisons-Laffitte. The studs belonging to Henri Coulon and Clement Hobson were destroyed in the battle of France, but most of the horses escaped. Marcel Boussac's stud escaped harm, but the great race mare Corrida has vanished, and so has the classic-winning mare Kandy. The stallion Plassy, bred by Lord Derby, has also disappeared. At one stud a number of horses were wounded.

Among the Widener mares alive (presumably still at the Haras du Mesnil in Normandy) are the following: Barberybush (*Barberybush II in America, by *Ksar—*Pervencheres), Dark Lady (*Sickle—Persica), Tenacity (breeding not available), Victory (Swynford—*Lineage; dam of Victrix), Red Flame (dam of *Castel Fusano), Tatoule (dam of *Jezebel II), Wild Violet (Blandford—Wood Violet), Minnewaska (Blandford—*Nipisiquit), Roselette (Asterus—Roseola). Altogether there appear to be 15 mares and six foals.

Four of the mares were covered by Dogat (Rodosto—Dogaresse, by Niceas), winner of the French Two Thousand Guineas and holder of speed records. Some of the mares were covered by Victrix last spring.

Minnewaska has a colt by Victrix and was bred to Djebel (a top-class racer in France and England, by Tourbillon—Loika, by Gay Crusader).

Victory has a nice filly by Tourbillon at foot. Roselette has a colt by Victrix. Hat Trick (Fiterari—Hat Pin, by *Stefan the Great) has a filly by Victrix and was bred to Rodosto, son of *Epinard.

The yearlings accounted for are: Flares, colt by Fair Copy—Wild Violet; Flambeau (sex not given), by Fair Copy—Red Flame; Dergeronette, filly by Victrix—*Barberybush II; Victoria, filly by Victrix—Dark Lady; Vico, colt by Victrix—Dark Lady (?); Niliaha, filly by Victrix—Minnewaska; Trouville (sex not given), by Tourbillon—Roselette.

Pensive Retires

After his sudden rise to fame through victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes last spring Pensive failed to win a race. He continued to run against the best competition and on occasion ran very well, but for some reason his springtime class was missing. After he had finished unplaced in Equifox's Washington Park Handicap, his eighth successive defeat, he was shipped to Calumet Farm at Lexington with the announcement that he would not be raced again this year.

This week from the Calumet Farm office came the announcement that Pensive would make his first stud season in 1945, at a fee of $500 to guarantee a live foal.

Pensive is a 3-year-old chestnut colt by the great English sire Hyperion out of *Penicuik II, by Buchan, second dam the Oaks winner Pennycomequick. *Penicuik II was purchased by Arthur B. Hancock in the spring of 1940, with Pensive's full brother *Hyperionion at side. In the same deal Mr. Hancock purchased a season to Hyperion and had the mare bred to him before she was shipped to the United States. But before Pensive was foaled *Penicuik and two other mares had been sold to Warren Wright's Calumet Farm, which is thus the official breeder.

At two Pensive made five starts, won two overnight races, placed third in the Champagne and Oden Bowie Stakes, and fourth in the Futurity. His canny trainer, Ben Jones, ran him sparingly, with an eye on the Kentucky Derby. At three he scored his first stakes victory in the Rowe Memorial Handicap at Pimlico, ran second in his next two starts, the Bowie Handicap and Chesapeake Stakes, then won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes on successive Saturdays. Among his subsequent races his best efforts found him second in the Belmont Stakes, third in the Classic Stakes, and second to his stablemate Twilight Tear in an overnight purse. Altogether he ran 22 times, won seven races, was five times second, four times third, and earned $167,715.

Aletern Goes to the Stud

On Memorial Day at Belmont Park Alvin C. Ernst's Aletern scored the greatest victory in his four seasons of racing in the $50,000 added Suburban Handicap. About a week later he pulled up lame in a workout. An injury to a suspensory ligament laid him up and the Suburban proved to be his last start.

In the near future Aletern will be shipped from Belmont Park to the Ernst Farm, adjoining Idle Hour Stock Farm, at Lexington, to enter the stud in 1945. Manager P. J. O'Neill has announced that the horse will stand at a fee of $300 with return privilege. He will be the first stallion to enter service at the Ernst Farm, which previously has depended upon outside services altogether.

Aletern is a brown horse, foaled in 1939, by Eternal (son of Sweep) out of Xanthina (dam also of the stakes winner Xavier), by My Play out of Killimick, by *Wrack, third dam the good producer Oktibbena, dam of Sweepster, Okapi, and the Coaching Club American Oaks winner Sweet Verbena. His dam, carrying Aletern, was purchased by Mr. Ernst out of the Xalapa Farm dispersal in January, 1939.

He ran only twice at two, winning one race, finishing third in the other, and was a stakes winner in each of the next three seasons, his victories including the Sheridan, Potomac, Ben Ali, Francis S. Peabody Memorial, La Salle, and Suburban Handicaps. In 42 starts he won 13 races, was five times second, six times third, and earned $78,330.

Supremus, Magnificent, Etc.

The 22-year-old stallion Supremus, sire of the winners of more than a million and a quarter dollars since his first get raced in 1928, has been presented by Leslie Combs II to his friend Justin Funkhouser and is now at Mr. Funkhouser's newly established O'Sullivan Farms at Charles Town, W. Va. The old son of Ultimus and *Mandy Hamilton had stood at Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, during the last few years as the property of a small syndicate, the other members of which had given their shares to Mr. Combs. In the 1944 season he was bred to ten mares, most of which appear to have got in foal.

A newcomer to Spendthrift Farm at Lexington in 1945 will be Maine Chance Farm's Magnificent, now 6-year-old son of *Challenger II—Minnant (dam of three other stakes winners), by Pennant. Magnificent in the fall of his 2-year-old season won the Endurance Handicap and placed in other stakes, but he failed to train on soundly at three. Last spring he stood in Maryland, under lease to Capt. Danny Shea, for his first season in the stud. At Spendthrift he will join three other stallions owned by Maine Chance Farm (Mrs. Elizabeth Nightingale Graham)—Chicuelo, Jacomar, and Great Union.

Others in the stallion line-up at Spendthrift next season will be Ogden Phipps' King Cole, B. F. Whitaker's Requested, and Wheatley Stable's Bold Irishman.

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Jock Whitney's Narrow Escape

The Rome headquarters of the Mediterranean Air Forces of the United States Army last week announced that Col. John Hay Whitney, captured by the German army in southern France on August 21, had effected his escape after the train on which he and other prisoners were riding had been dive-bombed, shelled by French artillery, and attacked by the French underground. Colonel Whitney escaped from the train while it was still moving, and though the attack was a "veritable hell," he made his way unscathed back to his organization.

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Lay-off. John Marsch's Free for All, unbeaten winner of $109,575 in five races, including the Arlington Park and Washington Park Futurities, is being sent to Thomas Carr Piatt's Crestwood Farm, Lexington, to be treated for sore ankles and later prepared for 1945 Kentucky Derby.

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Where's Goldie? If anyone knows the whereabouts of the former jockey Goldie Johnson, THE BLOOD-HORSE has an important message for him.

Jack Joyner's Life Story

By Neil Newman

This is the thirty-second installment of Mr. Newman's biography of the late Andrew Jackson Joyner. The story is being told in the words of Mr. Joyner himself.

CHAPTER XXII (Continued)

A NUMBER of Mr. Widener's horses were sold or lost in claiming races during the year. Five were disposed of by public sale at Belmont Park near the end of May and Alec Gordon bought Rebellion, a 3-year-old chestnut colt by Jamestown—Sovietta for $6,500; he had all his sire's speed but was unreliable, and as it turned out later he was well sold. Court Dance, a chestnut filly by Jamestown—Flag Dance, by Pennant, was bred by J. Howard Lewis and purchased privately by Mr. Widener. She was a useful sort; that year she won seven races and $5,230.

There was a 2-year-old in the stable, a chestnut gelding by Jamestown—Designate, by Bud Lerner, that I figured might do A. A. Baroni some good and offset his bad luck with Plantetarium. This was Specify, which won his first start at Jamaica late in April. He was third twice at Delaware Park and unplaced there once. This gelding had plenty of speed, but he was a bit obstreperous, even as a yearling. I had him added to the list, but this failed to remedy matters. He developed bad actions at the post and bad post actors I have never liked. Willful horses and wayward women are two problems I quit wrestling with after I passed seventy.

Specify was shipped to New York after the Delaware Park meeting, and rested up. I ran him in a claiming race at Aqueduct the first day of September, entered to be claimed for $5,000. He duly won and there were no claims in the box for him. I met Baroni and told him he could have Specify for $5,000, as I thought he would make him a very useful horse, particularly in California where the competition was not so keen. Baroni agreed with me and I sent Specify to his stable. The first time he ran in Baroni's name, about a week later, he dead-heated with Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark's Encore. As a race horse Specify exceeded my fondest anticipations; except for Top Row he proved to be the best horse Baroni ever owned. To the end of 1942 he had won sixteen races, fourteen of them for Baroni, and earned a total of $116,965. Among his victories were the Hollywood Derby, Inglewood Handicap, San Felipe, Bay Meadows, and other handicaps.

High Fleet was the best horse in the stable; in 11 starts she won five races, was second in two, third in three, unplaced once, and earned $15,020. She ran but one bad race all year. This was her second start at Aqueduct, in the Carter Handicap, in which she finished last. She began with a victory, at Aqueduct about the middle of June at six furlongs. She also concluded the year with a victory at Pimlico November 10 in the six-furlong Ritchie Handicap under 120 pounds, ridden by Wayne Wright. Behind her were some fast horses, Wise Prince, Deliberator, Clingendaal, Mower, Rough Time and Speed to Spare. Incidentally she carried my colors—orange, green hoops, orange cap. Mr. Widener's mother had died in Paris during the summer and beginning with Saratoga Mr. Widener's horses raced in my name.

In between her victory at Aqueduct and in the Ritchie at Pimlico, High Fleet led to the stretch and stopped to last in the Carter Handicap; she was third in the Fleetwing Handicap to Jay Jay and Bill Farnsworth; beat Rebellion and Sgt. Byrne at Empire; then won the Catskill Handicap—her first victory in my name; was third in a handicap at Belmont behind Woodbury and Deliberator; was second in the Capital Handicap, a head back of Rough Time; third at Laurel in the Castile Handicap behind Clingendaal and Floradora; and was beaten a nose by Aneroid in the mud at Laurel. Prior to the Ritchie Handicap she won the Baltimore Autumn Handicap at Pimlico, beating Deliberator and Capt. Cal.

If consistency be a jewel, High Fleet ranks with the Kohinoor. In the three seasons she raced she started 30 times, won 15 races, was second in nine, third in five, unplaced in one, and earned $49,345. As I have remarked on more than one occasion, she was the best filly I ever trained for Mr. Widener. I say this with the reservation that I do not think she is the best filly Mr. Widener ever raced. Indications are that honor may be reserved for Stefanita, which is carrying all before her this year. But I never trained Stefanita, I merely broke her and superintended the rudiments of her racing education. What Stefanita is today is what Bert Mulholland made her, and to him should accrue all of the credit for her development.

CHAPTER XXIII

IN 1935, after a period of 22 years of racing and breeding horses William Robinson Coe announced his retirement from the sport and his Shoshone Stud was dispersed at the Shoshone Farm outside of Lexington, Ky., on November 11 that year. Mr. Widener attended the sale with the intention of buying several mares if their appearance justified this action. I remained at Erdenheim. We had gone over the catalogue; several mares were tentatively selected, but most of them on Mr. Widener's inspection proved unsuitable. Mr. Widener however purchased three young mares, one of which, Dinner Time, a chestnut mare by High Time—Seaplane, by Man o' War, in foal to Pilate, played a dominant role in Mr. Widener's racing and breeding after 1938. The others were Slapstick, a 5-year-old bay mare by Broomstick—Transit, by *Chicle, in foal to Pompey, and Masked Ball, a 7-year-old chestnut mare with a flaxen mane and tail, by Friar Rock—Masked Dancer, by Disguise, in foal to Osculator.

These three mares produced foals at Old Kenney Farm the following spring. Masked Dancer produced a chestnut colt, later cut, that was named Mask and Wig; Slapstick produced a bay colt later named Birch Rod; and Dinner Time produced an exceptionally attractive looking chestnut colt that was to gain fame as Eight Thirty.

These three came to me as yearlings and raced as 2-year-olds in 1938. Mask and Wig failed to win before being claimed by Hirsch Jacobs. For Jacobs he won two races in the autumn. He was

then sold to Louis B. Mayer and for him won the Armistice Day Handicap at Bay Meadows, three years to the day after Mr. Widener bought his dam.

Birch Rod repaid the sum expended for his dam the first year he raced. In nine starts at two he won three races, was second in three, unplaced in three, earning $6,975. He made his debut at Delaware Park, saddled by Jack Creevy, on June 8, the opening day of the meeting, and finished second, beaten two lengths by Supreme Speed. Three days later he was unplaced in the Dover Stakes won by William Ziegler's El Chico, a son of John P. Grier—La Chica, trained by Mat Brady. El Chico was destined to become the best juvenile of the year and to retire undefeated to winter quarters. Birch Rod made his third start at Delaware Park June 25, ridden by Harry Richards. He gained the verdict by a neck and eleven days later he won again—it was in this race that Challedon made his first start, and he finished third.

Moving on to Saratoga Birch Rod was unplaced in the Flash Stakes won by Eight Thirty, but at the same course on August 11 in the Sanford Stakes he "lucked" into his only stakes success of the year. This stakes has gained a somewhat unsavory reputation as being the graveyard for favorites—it was in this race Man o' War sustained his only reverse. In later runnings Cavalcade, Omaha, Escoba, and Bostonian were defeated by horses that proved to be far inferior to them in later races.

The 1938 renewal of the Sanford proved to be no exception. Manhasset Stable's Thingumabob, a son of Boojum—Refine, trained by Bill Brennan, was reckoned a certainty. He had won his only two starts, including the Arlington Futurity which he won in effortless fashion. He was ridden by Eddie Arcaro, and went to the post at 1 to 4. Ariel Toy outbroke the favorite, which raced along in second place. Nearing the far turn the favorite came down—later it appeared that there was some crowding at this turn, and Arcaro had to snatch up. Thingumabob grabbed his left quarter, tore the ligaments of his right fore leg and fractured the pastern, necessitating his destruction. Birch Rod, which had been "laying handy," as the saying is, now moved up to challenge Ariel Toy as they straightened for home, whereupon Ariel Toy swerved out, impeding Mr. Widener's horse, and went on to finish the best part of two lengths in front of Birch Rod.

An objection was lodged immediately, and the stewards sent for Arcaro and Patrol Judge Frank Keogh. After mature deliberation Ariel Toy was disqualified and the race, worth $4,725, was awarded to Birch Rod. Birch Rod ran absolutely loose; he started at 50 to 1 and was the longest-priced winner to come from a stable I managed in many a year. Had we been gifted with second sight we might all have become rich. Thingumabob would doubtless have won off, except for the mishap which cost him his life. He was an exceptionally fast colt, but had very bad-looking ankles and long pasterns, and it is questionable if he would have withstood the rigors of training and racing past his first season.

Birch Rod failed to win again that year, but in the Babylon Stakes at Aqueduct early in September he ran well to finish second, four lengths behind Johnstown, in front of T. M. Dorsett, Beau James, Impound, Pontius, Roman Hero, No Competition, Entracte, and one other.

The only filly justifying comment was Double Back, a bay daughter of Haste and the Fair Play mare Deuce; she ran 10 times, won four races, was once second, and once third, earning $5,950. She won the first time she ever started, at Jamaica, April 18. Ridden by Wayne Wright and coupled with Grisette the entry was held at 9 to 2. She triumphed by a length and a half. Ten days later she was beaten in a purse by Forty Eight, but on May 7 she won the Rosedale Stakes, ridden by Wright, under 116 pounds, beating two fair

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fillies in Modest Queen (119) and Sweet Patrice (116). The value of the stakes was $3,575. Double Back was laid up by the coughing sickness immediately after this race and did not race again until the end of July at Saratoga. She won at six furlongs at Laurel, beating Big Hurry three parts of a length at level weights, and the latter won the Selima Stakes at the same meeting. Double Back won her last race of the year at Pimlico in the middle of November, a handicap at six furlongs. The horse that finished second has made quite a reputation in recent years; it was Marriage, then owned by a Mrs. Register.

Eight Thirty was the best horse by far in the stable that year. He began racing at Delaware Park, where he won his first two starts. He made his debut June 18 in the first race, for colts and geldings, at five furlongs. Ridden by Arcaro, he led from end to end, and at the finish he was a length in front of Time Sheet. Tin Devil was third. Mr. Widener, Johnny Creevy, Eight Thirty, and I observed Independence Day when the son of Pilate won his first stakes victory, the Christiana Stakes, for colts and geldings at 5½ furlongs. Harry Richards rode Eight Thirty, and he won rather handily from Deil. Hants was third and the favorite, Star Runner, unplaced. The value of the stakes was $6,000.

Eight Thirty was introduced to New York race goers at Saratoga on the opening day of the meeting in the Flash Stakes. He carried 117 pounds and was ridden by Wright. The two saddled by Jim Fitzsimmons, Belair Stud's Johnstown (110) and Wheatley Stable's Sea Captain (107) were favorites at 13 to 5. Maemere Farm's Maeline (119), trained by George Phillips, and winner of six races that year, broke fastest; pursued by Eight Thirty and Ariel Toy. This was the order to the stretch where Eight Thirty began to close on the leader, caught him inside the eighth-pole and racing most gamely got up to win by a head. Ariel Toy was third, Johnstown fourth, and the eleven others in the beaten field included A. G. Vanderbilt's Impound and Trailer.

The United States Hotel Stakes was run five days later and attracted three colts unbeaten up to that race, El Chico, Eight Thirty (each under 122 pounds), and Invader (116). El Chico was favorite at 2 to 1, and Nick Wall took him to the front with a rush. He was never menaced and the finish was El Chico by eight lengths, Invader by two, with Eight Thirty a neck in front of Hash. Contrary to his custom Eight Thirty broke in a tangle; he was sixth at the head of the stretch but he closed strongly. On August 6 Eight Thirty again threw down the gauge to El Chico in the Saratoga Special. Third Degree, Impound, Maeline, Search, and two others completed the field. A friend of mine who is a pretty good judge of form assured me before the race Mr. Widener's colt would be beaten, that he was a bit over his head insofar as El Chico was concerned. He was right—El Chico again broke smartly and drew into a clear lead. Eight Thirty, second in the early running, made his challenge as the horses turned toward home. Wall was forced to rouse his mount but El Chico held Eight Thirty safe and won by three lengths in 1:10⅗, equaling the track record. Eight Thirty was pretty limber at the finish. I was a bit cast down after the finish but my friend who had prophesied Eight Thirty's defeat came along and remarked, "Your colt ran a grand race, Old Timer, far better than I anticipated. He is thoroughly game. That long-pasterned colt of Mat Brady's is the best 2-year-old that has raced around here since Jamestown, but I feel certain your colt will go on, where I doubt if that little El Chico will ever be any better than he was today."

Eight Thirty appeared for the last time at Saratoga that year in the Albany Handicap, for which he carried 122 pounds. He finished a length in front of Giles County (110) but was subsequently disqualified for crowding, much to the disgust of the players. In addition to Thingumabob, the Glen Riddle's Huaca had been injured in a race so badly as to necessitate her destruction, so the stewards at the time were leaning over backward, and Eight Thirty was the victim of their zeal. Eight Thirty was pounds the best and in my opinion his disqualification was not justified. But that is racing; Birch Rod was moved up into a stakes victory—it all evens up.

Eight Thirty hurt his foot shortly after and I was forced to let up on him and pass up the Hopeful, which El Chico won under wraps. My only hope was to get Eight Thirty fit to run in the Futurity, to be run October 1—for which El Chico was not eligible. Eight Thirty's injured foot precluded his being trained properly in time

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BLESS ME comes of a sire line predominant in America, England and other countries. His sire, *Sickle, was leading sire in America in 1936 and 1938, and his get in this country alone, exclusive of England and France, etc., have won very close to two million dollars. *Sickle's brother, *Pharamond II, likewise has been notably successful in the United States, and his half-brother, Hyperion, is not only England's greatest living sire but one of the greatest England has produced. Back to Bend Or through the successive steps of *Sickle, Phalaris, Polymelus, Cyllene and Bona Vista, BLESS ME has an ancestry rich in outstanding successful sires.

FEMALE LINE

BLESS ME traces in tail female line to *Macaroon, one of the foundation mares of Mr. E. R. Bradley's Idle Hour Stud, thence back to a mare by Matchem of a family which has produced for Mr. Bradley such stakes winning mares as Batter Cake, Baba Kenny, Bee Mac, Beanie M and Betty Beall. *Macaroon's daughter, Batter Cake, won the Cincinnati Trophy at two and was half-sister to Betty Beall, who is the dam of Baba Kenny and Beanie M, both of whom won the Matron and other stakes. (Baba Kenny also is the dam of Bee Mac). Batter Cake's daughter, Breakfast Bell, by Black Toney (half-sister to several stakes winners), was a consistent performer in four years of racing, winning stakes at Saratoga and Belmont Park, and then producing Buginarug. Buginarug, due to an injured hip raced only at three and from six starts won three and was twice third racing against the best of her age in the East. Her first foal was BLESS ME. She has since produced the winner Bit of Sugar, and this year's outstanding 3-year-old, By Jimminy, winner of the Grand Union Hotel Stakes, the Shevlin, Dwyer, Travers and the American Derby, setting a new record for the race. Thus to *Sickle, Buginarug produced Bless Me and to *Sickle's full brother, *Pharamond II, she produced By Jimminy. It will be noted that Buginarug has two close crosses to Black Toney, one of the greatest tributaries of the rich source of Domino blood in this country. She is by a grandson of Black Toney out of a daughter of Black Toney.

RACING PERFORMANCE

BLESS ME, a grand individual, was a top race horse. He made six starts at two, won four and was placed in the other two. He won at Saratoga, at Belmont (beating First Fiddle and Wait A Bit) and at Laurel (beating Vagrancy). In the Walden Stakes at Pimlico he was beaten only a neck by Alsab. Regarding this race the chart said:

> "Bless Me kept close to the leaders, moved up readily near last turn, came up on inside, was bothered slightly, recovered quickly, went to outside and finished a neck back of Alsab, wearing him down at every stride."

At three, Bless Me won the Saranac Handicap easily by four lengths, mile in 1:37⅕. He won another race at Saratoga by six lengths, mile in 1:37⅕. He won a three-quarter race at this age, defeating the 4-year-old Harvard Square, in 1:11⅖, and was second, beaten a neck in Jerome Handicap, giving the winner ten pounds, finishing ahead of Devil Diver, mile in 1:36⅖.

While training for the Arlington Classic Bless Me worked 1⅛ miles at Suffolk Downs in 1:49⅖, his fractions for the mile being :46⅕, 1:09⅘ and 1:35⅘.

At four Bless Me won the Frontier Handicap at Detroit, 1¼ miles, beating Bon Jour, Col. Teddy, Amber Light and Some Man. He won the Gen. Doolittle Handicap, carrying top weight, ¾ in 1:10⅖, also won another ¾ race by six lengths, giving 8 to 16 pounds to each of the other starters. In his entire career of 22 starts, Bless Me won ten races, was second in four and third in two.

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for the Futurity, and he went into the race short at least two good works. I told all of my friends who asked me about the race I did not think Eight Thirty would win under the handicap he was trying to overcome, but if the race had been run ten days later I would have regarded him as a certainty.

Eight Thirty was beaten a nose in a race he should have won. Admittedly this sounds like an alibi but it is an opinion in which nearly everyone who observed the running of the race concurs. From the time the horses came close enough to be distinguished it was observed the race lay between Porter's Mite and Eight Thirty. The former, from post position No. 7, drifted over to the extreme inside, while Eight Thirty, having drawn No. 10, drifted off to the left and was running along the inside rail. There they were, a sixteenth of a mile from the finish, in front by themselves, but a hundred feet apart on opposite sides of the track.

Porter's Mite's early lead of two lengths had been whittled down to about half a length, and Eight Thirty continued to gain. At the finish I thought, and nearly every one else thought, Eight Thirty had won, but the photograph showed William Boeing's colt, trained by Ted Horning, had won by a nose. Personally my belief is Wright never saw Porter's Mite on the opposite side of the track and thought he had the race won. Third Degree was third, about two lengths behind Eight Thirty, and the favorite Johnstown was fourth, Impound fifth, Technician next.

Despite the loss of the Futurity I felt sanguine Eight Thirty would develop into a good 3-year-old. In my opinion he was inferior only to El Chico at two and superior to Challedon and Johnstown. These four, I felt, would control the 3-year-old situation in 1939. It is true El Chico had finished his first season unbeaten, winning seven races and $84,100. He lacked size however, and I had trained a number of John P. Grier's and had about weakened on them by this time. As a matter of fact El Chico did not grow half an inch over the winter. He retained his winter coat well into April, and was practically worthless after his first season. I thought Porter's Mite was lucky to win the Futurity, for he beat nothing in the Champagne, and also he was scheduled to race that winter in California and few horses can stand the rigors of a full year's campaigning.

Incidentally the stable in 1938 won 30 races, was second 37 times, third 22 times, and earned $57,890, the best year since 1932. The next year was destined to show material improvement. The horses won 44 races, were second in 25, third in 32, earning $84,455. Incidentally Mr. Widener, having all the mares he needed and St. James, Jamestown, and Jack High for sires, was no longer under the necessity of patronizing the yearling market. From 1936 to 1939 but three yearlings were purchased. Cape Race, already referred to, was acquired in 1936; Way Yonder and Soaring were bought in 1937. None was expensive, and all three were practically worthless. No yearlings were purchased in 1938 and 1939.

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Sigh of Relief

On September 19 the first shipment of THE BLOOD-HORSE's long delayed annual, *Thoroughbred Sires and Dams, 1943*, was received from the binders. They will be mailed immediately to subscribers.

FOREIGN

Bois Roussel's St. Leger Winner

NEW ST. LEGER STAKES. Newmarket, Sept. 16, 2,500 sovereigns added, 3-year-old colts and fillies, 1¾ miles. Time, 3.06⅕.

Tehran (The Aga Khan) ---------- 1
Borealis, ch. c., Brumeux—Aurora (Lord Derby) ---------- 2
Ocean Swell, b. c., Blue Peter—Jiffy (Lord Rosebery) ---------- 3

Other starters not available. Winning jockey, Gordon Richards.

THE Aga Khan's Tehran last week completed his upward progression in the wartime substitute classics of the English racing season. In the Two Thousand Guineas he had finished third to Garden Path and Growing Confidence, running on strongly at the end. In the Derby he had finished second to Ocean Swell, which took the lead away from him in the final straight. But in the longer St. Leger he went to the lead early, swung along in front to the finish, beating Borealis by about a length and a half, with the Derby winner Ocean Swell in third place.

The Wiliam Woodward Oaks winner Hycilla started favorite at 4 to 1 as a result of a last-minute rush of support, but she finished eighth.

Tehran is the fifth winner of the St. Leger under the colors of the Indian potentate the Aga Khan, his previous winners being Salmon-Trout, Firdaussi, *Bahram, and Turkhan. Approximately $22,000 in first money was turned over to the Indian Army Comforts Fund, which has been the beneficiary of all the Aga Khan's wartime racing victories. The Mohammedan ruler has been in Switzerland during the war, having been caught there when Italy declared war on France. Tehran also provided the champion jockey Gordon Richards with his fifth St. Leger win.

Tehran, which the Aga Khan leases from his son, Prince Aly, ran twice unplaced last year, but has been in the top rank of 3-year-olds all this season. He won his first start of the year, the one-mile Culford Stakes at Newmarket, then finished third in the Guineas, second in the Derby. He was to have started for the Whepstead Stakes at Newmarket August 30, but the result of this race is not yet available.

	Vatout	Prince Chimay by Chaucer—Gallorette
		Vasthi by Sans Souci II—Vaya
BOIS ROUSSEL (Brown, 1935)		
	Plucky Liege	Spearmint by Carbine—Maid of the Mint
		Concertina by St. Simon—Comic Song
TEHRAN (Bay colt, 1941)		
	Solario	Gainsborough by Bayardo—*Rosedrop
		Sun Worship by Sundridge—Doctrine
STAFARALLA (Bay, 1935)		
	Mirawala	Phalaris by Polymelus—Bromus
		Miranda by Gallinule—Admiration (No. 14 family)

Prince Aly Khan, breeder and owner. His Highness the Aga Khan, lessee; Frank Butters, trainer.

Tehran is one of the first crop of foals by the French-bred English Derby winner Bois Roussel, half-brother to *Sir Gallahad III, *Bull Dog, *Quatre Bras II, *Bel Aethel, and Admiral Drake, and foaled when his dam, the remarkable Plucky Liege, was 23 years old. Tehran's dam, Stafaralla, bred in France by the Aga Khan, raced in England and at two was rated the second-best filly of the year in the Free Handicap, winning the Tattersall Sales Stakes and Cheveley Park Stakes. Stafaralla, however, failed to carry her class into her 3-year-old season.

Borealis, which finished second, is by *Teddy's son Brumeux (also bred in France) and is out of Hyperion's daughter Aurora, which finished second in three important stakes at two and second in *Galatea II's One Thousand Guineas at three.

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